

REMARKS

The Office Action of October 31, 2007 has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

The Office Action dated October 31, 2007 was a restriction requirement, requiring the applicant to elect to prosecute one of the following two inventions under 35 USC §121. The Three groups are:

Group I, recited in claims 1-5, drawn to a press-molding apparatus;

Group II, recited in claims 6-8, drawn to a mold; and

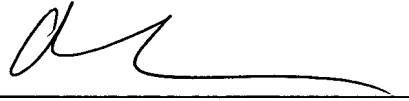
Group III, recited in claims 9-10, drawn to a press-molding method.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, recited in claims 1-5, drawn to a press-molding apparatus.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application(s) on the non-elected subject matter at any point prior to the termination of the proceedings in the subject application. Timely consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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